

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 10, with the following amended paragraph:

Activating groups for hydroxyl-containing molecules are also known to those versed in the art, and non-limiting examples thereof include N,N'-disuccinimidylcarbonate, di- or tri-phosgene or an imidazole derivative. Other activating agents may be found in the literature [e.g. in Greg T. Hermanson *Bioconjugate Techniques*, Academic Press 1996 pp 142, 183].